

## Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 18 (cancelled).

19. (Currently amended) A method of treating a human for reduction of the incidence of colorectal cancer consisting essentially of administering to said human an effective amount of a composition containing a water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative which is methylcellulose having a viscosity of 4000 centipoise, alone or in combination with an insoluble fiber which is wheat bran, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent, to reduce the incidence of colorectal cancers in said human.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim [[20]] 19 wherein the composition is administered as a bulk powder, ~~tablet~~, capsule or suspension.

22. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim [[20]] 19 wherein the composition further comprises a sugar.

23. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim [[20]] 19 wherein the composition optionally further comprises lactose, terra alba, sucrose, talc, gelatin, agar, pectin, acacia, magnesium stearate, or stearic acid.

24. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim [[20]] 19 wherein the composition is administered in a rapidly disintegrating tablet.

25. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 19 wherein the total daily dosage of methylcellulose and insoluble fiber, administered is from about 0.4 gram to 30 grams day.

26. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 25 wherein the total daily dosage methylcellulose and insoluble fiber, administered is from about 1 gram to 10 grams day.

27. (Currently amended) A method of treating a human to reduce the incidence of breast cancer consisting essentially of administering to said human an effective amount of a composition containing a water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose which is methylcellulose having a viscosity of 4000 centipoise, alone or in combination with an insoluble fiber which is wheat bran, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent, to reduce the incidence of breast cancer in said human.

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim ~~[[28]]~~ 27 wherein the composition is administered as a bulk powder, ~~tablet~~, capsule or suspension.

30. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim ~~[[28]]~~ 27 wherein the composition further comprises a sugar.

31. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim ~~[[28]]~~ 27 wherein the composition optionally further comprises lactose, terra alba, sucrose, talc, gelatin, agar, pectin, acacia, magnesium stearate, or stearic acid.

32. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim ~~[[28]]~~ 27 wherein the composition administered in a rapidly disintegrating tablet.

33. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 27 wherein the total daily dosage of methylcellulose and insoluble fiber, administered is from about 0.4 gram to 30 grams day.

34. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim 27 wherein the total daily dosage of methylcellulose and insoluble fiber, administered is from about 1 gram to 10 grams day.

35. (New) A method of treating a human for reduction of the incidence of colorectal cancer consisting essentially of administering to said human an effective amount of a composition containing a water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose derivative which is methylcellulose having a viscosity of about 4000 centipoise, in combination with an insoluble fiber which is wheat bran, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent, to reduce the incidence of colorectal cancers in said human.

36. (New) The method according to Claim 35 wherein the composition further comprises a sugar.

37. (New) The method according to Claim 35 wherein the composition optionally further comprises lactose, terra alba, sucrose, talc, gelatin, agar, pectin, acacia, magnesium stearate, or stearic acid.

38. (New) The method according to Claim 35 wherein the composition is administered as a bulk powder, capsule or suspension.

39. (New) The method according to Claim 38 wherein the composition is administered in a rapidly disintegrating tablet.

40. (New) The method according to Claim 35 wherein the total daily dosage of methylcellulose and insoluble fiber administered is from about 0.4 gram to 30 grams day.

41. (New) The method according to Claim 40 wherein the total daily dosage methylcellulose and insoluble fiber administered is from about 1 gram to 10 grams day.

42. (New) A method of treating a human to reduce the incidence of breast cancer consisting essentially of administering to said human an effective amount of a composition containing a water soluble, non-fermentable cellulose which is methylcellulose having a viscosity of about 4000 centipoise, in combination with an insoluble fiber which is wheat bran, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent to reduce the incidence of breast cancer in said human.

43. (New) The method according to Claim 42 wherein the composition further comprises a sugar.
44. (New) The method according to Claim 42 wherein the composition optionally further comprises lactose, terra alba, sucrose, talc, gelatin, agar, pectin, acacia, magnesium stearate, or stearic acid.
45. (New) The method according to Claim 42 wherein the composition is administered as a bulk powder, capsule or suspension.
46. (New) The method according to Claim 45 wherein the composition is administered in a rapidly disintegrating tablet.
47. (New) The method according to Claim 42 wherein the total daily dosage of methycellulose administered is from about 0.4 gram to 30 grams day.
48. (New) The method according to Claim 47 wherein the total daily dosage of methylcellulose administered is from about 1 gram to 10 grams day.